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DIEGO GONZALEZ-BARRIENTOS

VS.
EMMANUEL BARNABUS & CONTRACT FREIGHTERS, INC.

, Plaintiff

, Defendant

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Defendant, in the above styled and numbered cause:

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Attached is a copy of the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE of the PLAINTIFF in the above styled and numbered cause, which was filed on OCTOBER 17, 2017 in the 201ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Travis County, Austin, Texas.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court at office, October 18, 2017.

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DIEGO GONZALEZ-BARRIENTOS	§	In the DISTRICT COURT
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Defendants	§	201ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE

DIEGO GONZALEZ-BARRIENTOS, Plaintiff, brings this cause of action and upon information and belief alleges and complains EMMANUEL BARNABUS, & CONTRACT FREIGHTERS, INC., Defendants, as follows:

I. <u>DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN</u>

1. Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 190.1, Plaintiff intends to conduct discovery in this case under Level 3 as prescribed by Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 190.4. The discovery control plan should include a deadline for Defendants to designate responsible third parties at least sixty (60) days before the expiration of any applicable statute of limitations so that Plaintiff has the opportunity to join any designated responsible third parties because allowing designation and apportionment of responsibility to a party which cannot be joined would violate the Plaintiff's state and federal constitutional rights to due process, equal protection, and open access to court. See, generally, e.g., Plum v. Missoula County Dist. Ct., 279 Mont. 363, 927 P.2d 1011 (1996).

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II. PARTIES & SERVICE OF PROCESS

- 2. Diego Gonzalez-Barrientos resides in Mexico. Plaintiff does not have a social security number or a driver's license.
- 3. Emmanuel Barnabus, an individual and citizen of the State of Florida, may be served with process in person at 2108 E. Howell Street, Tampa, Florida 33610 or wherever he may be found. Service is requested by private process as authorized by the Court.
- 4. Contract Freighters, Inc., a Missouri Corporation that is doing business in the State of Texas and under its laws. Defendant may be served with process through its registered agent, Corporation Service Company d/b/a CSC-Lawyers Inc., 211 E. 7th Street, Suite 620, Austin, Texas 78701. Service is requested by private process as authorized by the court.

III. MISNOMER, ALTER-EGO

In the event any parties are misnamed or not included herein, such event was a "misnomer," or such parties are or were "alter-egos" of parties named herein. Pursuant to Rule 28 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby gives Defendants notice that they are being sued in all of their business or common names regardless of whether such businesses are partnerships, unincorporated associations, individuals, entities and private corporations.

IV. JURISDICTION & VENUE

- 6. All relief sought herein is within the jurisdiction of this Court.
- 7. The amount of damages in this case is best left to the discretion of the jury after all of the evidence is presented at trial. However, as required by RULE 47 of the TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL

PROCEDURE, Plaintiff will request from the jury an amount of monetary damages between \$200,000 and \$1,000,000.00.

Plaintiff will request at trial that the jury compensate him for the pain, suffering, mental anguish, physical impairment, medical expenses, loss of earnings and earning capacity, and other damages caused by the occurrence. Plaintiff reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of damages sought to conform to information obtained throughout the discovery in this case.

8. Venue is mandatory or proper in Travis County, Texas under the following facts: All or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to this claim occurred in Travis County, Texas.

V. AGENCY, RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR

- 9. Whenever it is alleged that the Defendants did an act or thing, or omitted to do an act or thing, it is meant that the Defendants committed such act or omission either directly or by and through the Defendants' employees, agents, delegates, servants, managers, administrators, officers, or representatives.
- 10. Whenever it is alleged herein that an employee, agent, delegate, servant, manager, administrator, officer, or representative of a principal did an act or thing, or omitted to do an act or thing, it is meant that such conduct was performed n the course and scoke pf the applicable agency, employment, or representation of the principal. As such, Plaintiff invokes the Doctrine of Respondent Superior.

VI. FACTS

11. On or about 12:14 P.M. on Monday, October 19, 2015 Mr. Gonzalez-Barrientos was the legally restrained passenger in a vehicle driving southbound near the 1500 block of north interstate

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- 35. At the same time, Emmanuel Barnabus was driving an 18-wheeler tractor-trailer southbound near the 1500 block of north interstate 35. Emmanuel Barnabus negligently did not maintain an assured cleared distance from the vehicle in front of him on the interstate. Suddenly, and without warning Emmanuel Barnabus struck the vehicle in front of him. The impact from the 18-wheeler Mr. Barnabus was driving was so severe that the vehicle he crashed into was pushed into Mr. Gonzalez-Barrientos' vehicle, causing another collision with a vehicle in the far-right lane.
- 12. The vehicle Defendant, Emmanuel Barnabus was driving was owned by his employer, Contract Freighters, Inc.
- 13. As a result of the collision, Plaintiff suffered injuries that required major medical treatment and may be permanent, and damages, which are listed below.

VII. SCOPE OF ACTION

14. For each cause of action and remedy pleaded, all allegations herein are incorporated by reference.

VIII. <u>CAUSES OF ACTION</u>

A. Plaintiff's Claim of Negligence Against Defendant Emmanuel Barnabus

- 15. Plaintiff sues Defendant Emmanuel Barnabus for negligence. Defendant Emmanuel Barnabus was negligent in one or more of the acts or omissions described above, each of which was a proximate cause of the respective occurrence and the injuries and damages suffered by Plaintiff for which he sues herein:
 - a. Failing to keep a proper lookout:
 - b. Failing to maintain control of a vehicle;
 - Failing to maintain an assured clear distance;

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- d. Failing to pay adequate attention;
- e. Operating a commercial motor-vehicle while allowing himself to be distracted from the roadway;
- f. Failing to make a timely application of the brakes;
- g. Failing to use due caution;
- Striking another vehicle, causing serious personal injuries and damages;
- i. Failing to control his speed; and

Each and all of the above- stated acts and/or omissions constitute negligence and the same are a direct and proximate cause of the injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff.

- 16. Moreover, at the time of the incident in question, Defendant Emmanuel Barnabus violated

 Texas state laws and regulations in at least one or more of the following ways:
 - a. Failure to maintain an assured clear distance in violation of SEC. 545.062 of the TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE;
 - b. Driving recklessly on a public highway in violation of SEC. 545.401 of the TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE:
 - c. Failing to control speed as necessary to avoid colliding with another person or vehicle that is on a highway in violation of SEC. 545.351 of the TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE; and
 - d. Failing to operate the vehicle at a reasonable and prudent rate of speed under the conditions and having regard for actual and potential hazards then existing in violation of the Texas Transportation Code, Section 545.351(c)(5).

Each and all of the above- stated acts and/or omissions constitute negligence and the same are a direct and proximate cause of the injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff.

B. Plaintiff's Claim of Negligent Entrustment against Defendant Contract Freighters, Inc.

- 17. On October 19, 2015, Defendant, Contract Freighters, Inc., was the owner of the vehicle operated by Defendant Bmmanuel Barnabus.
- 18. Defendant Emmanuel Barnabus was in possession of said vehicle with the express consent of Defendant Contract Freighters, Inc. Defendant Contract Freighters, Inc.
- 19. Defendant Contract Freighters, Inc. negligently entrusted the vehicle in which Defendant Emmanuel Barnabus was operating at the time of the accident when Defendant Contract Freighters, Inc. knew or should have known that Defendant Emmanuel Barnabus was an incompetent and/or reckless driver.

At all times material to this cause of action, Plaintiff belonged to that class of persons for whom the aforementioned statutory provisions were enacted to protect.

C. Plaintiff's Claim of Negligent Hiring and Supervision against Defendant Contract Freighters, Inc.

20. Defendant Contract Freighters, Inc. is liable for the neglignence of Defendant Emmanuel Barnabus and his supervisors, and are independently liable, because Contract Freighters, Inc. did not use ordinary care in hiring, supervising, training, and retaining Emmanuel Barnabus and his supervisors, and the breach of the applicable stand of care by Emmanuel Barnabus and his supervisors, as described above, proximately caused injuries to Plaintiff.

D. Plaintiff's Claim of Negligence Per Se

- 21. All allegations herein are incorporated by reference.
- 22. Pleading further, Plaintiff sues Defendants for negligence per se. Defendants were negligent in one or more of the acts or omissions listed above, each of which was a proximate cause of the occurrence in question and the injuries and damages suffered by Plaintiff for which

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he sues herein. Each statute or ordinance stated above was designed to prevent injuries to a class of persons to which Plaintiff belongs.

E. Plaintiff's claim of gross negligence against Defendants Emmanuel Barnabus and Contract Freighters Inc.

23. The wrongful acts and omissions of Defendants Emmanuel Barnabus and Contract Freighters Inc. as described above are the type of conduct for which the law allows the imposition of exemplary damages in that they constitute gross negligence. When viewed objectively from Defendants Emmanuel Barnabus and Contract Freighters Inc.'s standpoint at the time of the occurrence, Defendants Emmanuel Barnabus and Contract Freighters Inc.'s conduct involved an extreme degree of risk, considering the probability and magnitude of the potential harm to others, and Defendants Emmanuel Barnabus and Contract Freighters Inc.'s had actual, subjective awareness of the risk involved, but nevertheless proceeded with conscious indifference to the rights, safety, or welfare of others, including Plaintiff. Plaintiff therefore seeks exemplary damages from Defendants Emmanuel Barnabus and Contract Freighters Inc.'s in amounts to be determined by the trier of fact.

IX. <u>ACTUAL DAMA</u>GES

- 24. Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for all remedies allowed at law, general and special, both suffered in the past and, in all reasonable probability, to be suffered in the future, including the following:
 - Reasonable medical expenses in the past. These expenses were incurred by Plaintiff
 for the necessary care and treatment of injuries resulting from the accident
 complained of herein, and such charges were reasonable and were usual and
 customary charges for such services;
 - b. Reasonable and necessary medical care and expenses which will, in all reasonable probability, be incurred in the future;

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- c. Physical pain and suffering in the past;
- d. Physical pain and suffering in the future;
- e. Physical impairment in the past;
- f. Physical impairment which will, in all reasonable probability, be suffered in the future;
- g. Loss of earnings in the past;
- h. Loss of earning capacity which will, in all reasonable probability, be incurred in the future;
- i. Mental anguish in the past; and
- j. Mental anguish which will, in all reasonable probability, be incurred in the future; and
- k. Exemplary damages.

X. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

25. All conditions precedent have been performed or have occurred.

XI. INTEREST

26. Plaintiff seeks prejudgment interest and post-judgment interest in the maximum amounts allowed by law.

XII. <u>U.S. LIFE TABLES</u>

27. Notice is hereby given that Plaintiff intends to use the U.S. Life Tables as prepared by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

XIII. REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURES

28. Pursuant to Rule 194, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff requests that each Defendant disclose, within the time required by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the information and material described in Rule 194.2 (a) through (l). This request for Rule 194 disclosures is continuing in nature, regardless of whether or not this request is restated subsequently in any amended pleadings. Defendants are under an ongoing duty to amend or supplement disclosures as required by Rule 193.5, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

XIV. RULE 193.7 NOTICE

29. Pursuant to Tex. R. Crv. P. 193.3 (d) and 193.7, Plaintiff intends to use all documents exchanged and produced between the parties including but not limited to, correspondence, disclosures, and discovery responses, during the trial in this cause.

XV. REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC SERVICE

30. Plaintiff requests that service of pleadings, orders, notices, discovery, and papers in this cause be made electronically upon Plaintiff's counsel at: leslie@justinian.com and kevin@justinian.com. Plaintiff's attorneys hereby affirm their awareness of the right to later rescind this agreement by filing notice.

XVI. JURY DEMAND

31. Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury.

XVII. <u>PRAYE</u>R

32. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that upon appearance herein of

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Defendants and on final trial, Plaintiff has judgment in his favor and against Defendants, for all relief, general and special, legal and equitable, that Justice may warrant, including, as applicable, actual damages, exemplary damages, declaratory relief, attorney fees, prejudgment interest, post-judgment interest, and court costs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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EMMANUEL BARNABUS AND CONTRACT FREIGHTERS, INC.	Ĭ	201 ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DEFENDANT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER WITH JURY DEMAND

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES, CONTRACT FREIGHTERS, INC., Defendant, in the above numbered and entitled cause, and file this Original Answer and for such Answer would respectfully show the following:

1.

Defendant invokes the provisions of Rule 92, <u>Texas Rules of Civil Procedure</u>; and does thereby exercise its legal right to require Plaintiff to prove all the allegations of his pleading, which are denied, and, accordingly, Defendant generally denies the allegations of Plaintiff's pleading and demands strict proof thereof by a preponderance of the evidence.

2.

REQUEST FOR JURY

Defendant in the above styled and numbered cause respectfully requests that this matter be set upon the Court's jury docket for trial by jury at such time as it is set for trial. Defendant would show that in conjunction with this request the requisite jury fee has been tendered to the Clerk of the Court.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant prays that Plaintiff recover

nothing, that Defendant recovers costs of court, and Defendant requests general relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT, CONTRACT FREIGHTERS, INC.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Defendant's Original Answer and Jury Demand has been forwarded by certified mail, return receipt requested or facsimile to all parties of record, listed below, on this 26th day of October, 2017

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